

Public Notice

In reply refer to:

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Wards Run

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Address comments to:

US Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District

502 Eighth Street ATTN: CELRH-F

Huntington, West Virginia 25701-2070

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The following application has been submitted for a Department of the Army Permit under the provisions of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. This notice serves as the Corps of Engineers request to the West Virginia Division of Environmental Protection to act on Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the following application.

APPLICANT: City of Parkersburg

One Government Square Post Office Box 1627

Parkersburg, West Virginia 26102

LOCATION: Along Wards Run, from 14th Avenue off of Rayon Drive to Clyde Street, in Parkersburg, Wood County, West Virginia.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WORK: According to the information provided, the proposed work is needed to remove a major stream obstruction at Station $2+50 \pm$ that resulted from failed lagging, installed by a previous property owner. The work would also include restoration of the channel to the original cross-sections of Ward Run. Engineering fabric and 12-in stone riprap would be installed along approximately 816 linear feet of the channel. All disturbed areas would be seeded and mulched. All areas to be seeded would be finely graded and free of debris.

Impacts to existing vegetation along the existing would be avoided and/or minimized. If possible, trees within the project limits would be moved to other locations and/or replaced. Silt fencing would be utilized during construction in areas with erosion potential. Exposed and un-worked soils would be stabilized to ensure protection for rain and flowing water. Construction activities would be avoided during periods of high erosion potential, by utilizing seasonal construction phases and adjacent properties would be protected from sediment deposition.

A location map and proposed project plans are attached.

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: A Section 401 Water Quality Certification is required for this project. It is the applicant's responsibility to obtain certification from the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection.

HISTORIC & CULTURAL RESOURCES: The National Register of Historic Places has been consulted and it has been determined that there are no properties currently listed on the register that are in the area affected by the project. A copy of this public notice will be sent to the State Historic Preservation Office for their review. Comments concerning archeological sensitivity of a project area should be based upon collected data.

THREATENED & ENDANGERED SPECIES: The Huntington District has consulted the most recently available information and has determined that the project is not likely to affect the continued existence of any endangered species or threatened species, or result in the destruction or adverse modification of habitat of such species which has been determined to be critical. This public notice serves as a request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for any additional information they may have on whether any listed or proposed to be listed endangered or threatened species may be present in the area which would be affected by the activity, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1972 (as amended).

PUBLIC INTEREST: Any person who has an interest which may be adversely affected by the issuance of a permit may request a public hearing. The request must be submitted in writing to the District Engineer on or before the expiration date of this notice and must clearly set forth the interest which may be adversely affected by the activity and the manner in which the interest may be adversely affected by this activity.

Interested parties are invited to state any objections they may have to the proposed work. The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. In addition, the evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, under the authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act. Written statements on these factors received in this office on or before the expiration date of this public notice will become a part of the record and will be considered in the final determination. A permit will be granted unless its issuance is found to be contrary to the public interest.

COMMENTS: The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above.

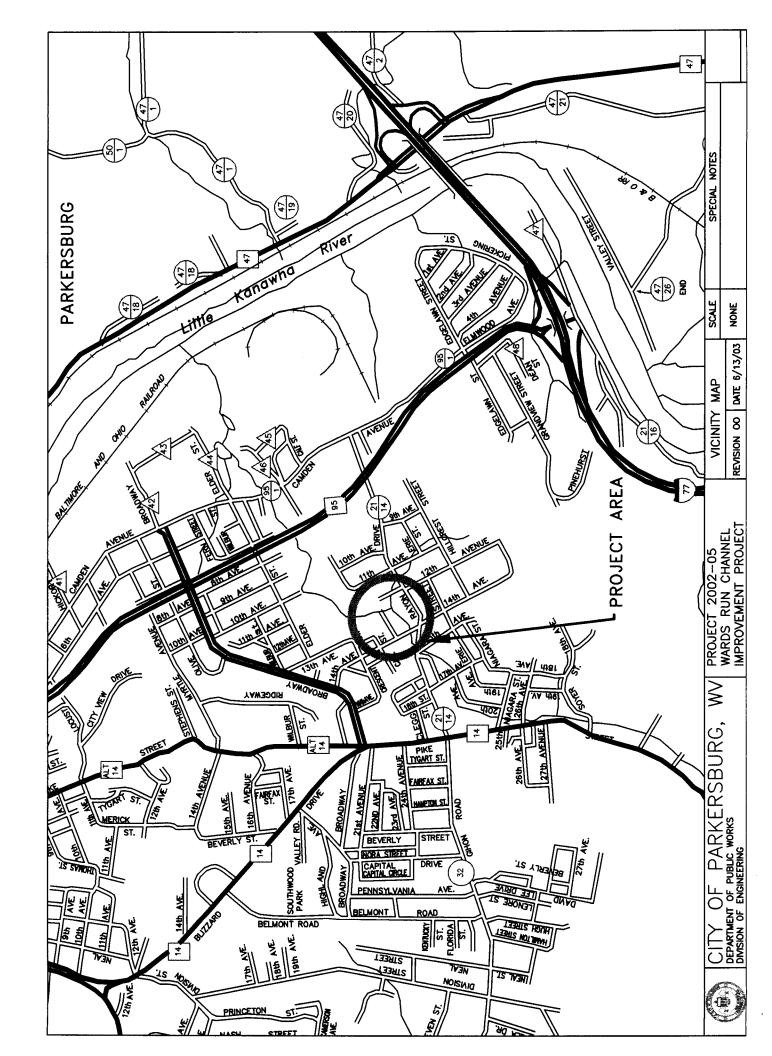
Persons wishing to submit comments, objections or requests for public hearings concerning the Corps of Engineers permit should write:

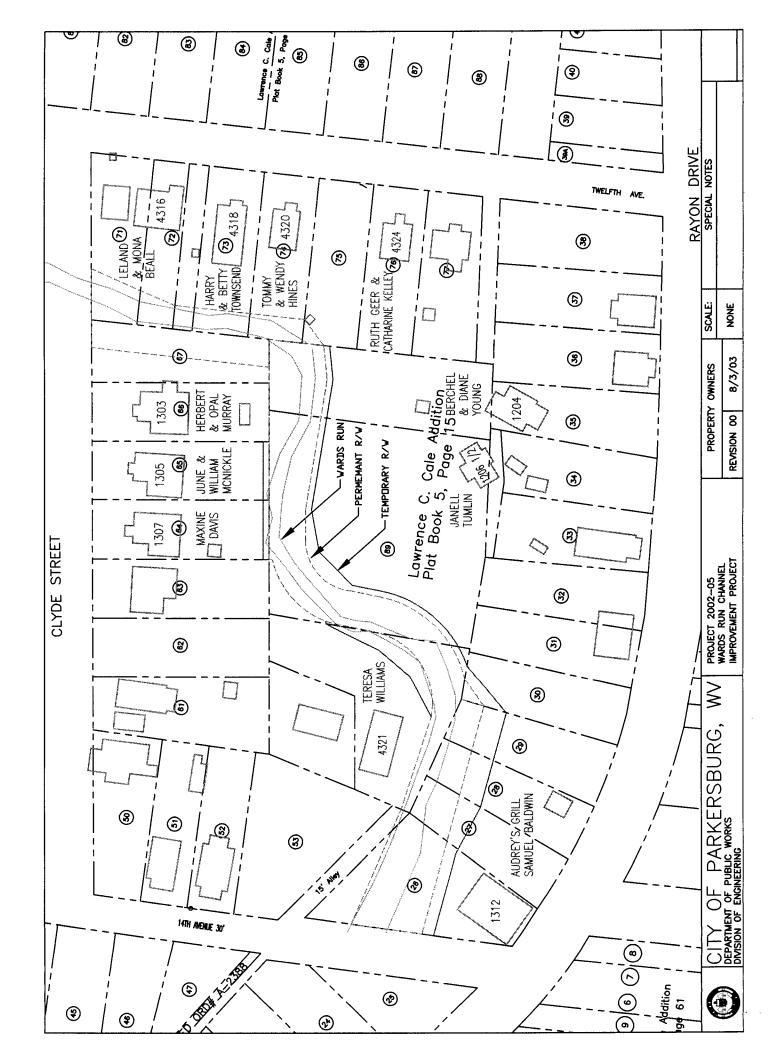
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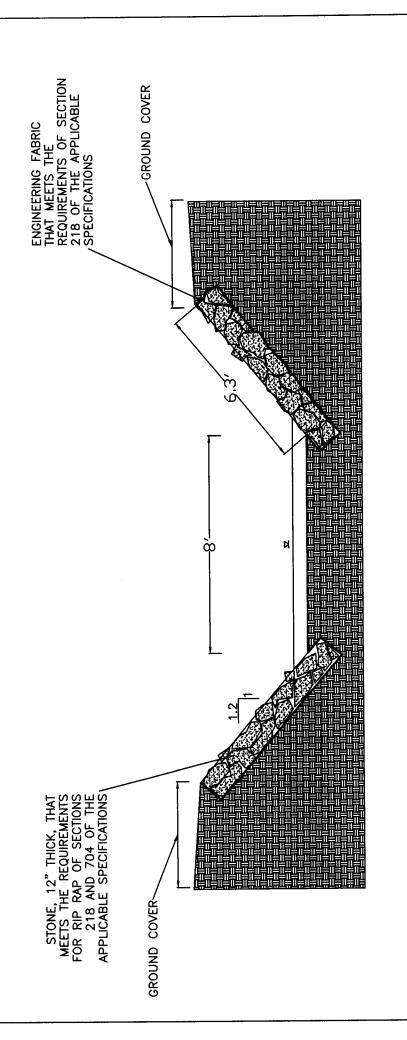
If you have any questions concerning this public notice, please call Ms. Susan Joy of the South Regulatory Section at 304-399-5710.

Ginger Mullins, Chief Regulatory Branch









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